multilayer structure having a top layer, a middle layer, and a
lower layer so that when an activation time of a manual input
exceeds a predetermined time a display is moved from the lower
layer to the top layer, and when the activation time of the
manual input is less than the predetermined time the display is
moved from the lower layer to the middle layer. This feature is
shown in fig. 12 and described in the second paragraph of page 46
of the present application, for example.

Independent claims 9-12 have been amended to recite
this feature of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of
Sudo et al. in view of Yamagishi et al. fails to show or suggest
controlling a multilayer structure having a top layer, a middle
layer, and a lower layer so that when an activation time of a
manual input exceeds a predetermined time a display is moved from
the lower layer to the top layer, and when the activation time of
the manual input is less than the predetermined time the display
is moved from the lower layer to the middle layer. The Office
Action cites Sudo et al. as teaching this feature and it is
respectfully submitted that Sudo et al. is merely teaching
resetting the display when no activity is detected for a
predetermined period of time which is different than the

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invention recited in amended independent claims 9-12 and, because there are no features in Yamagishi et al. that somehow could be combined with Sudo et al. and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 9-12 are patentably distinct over Sudo et al. in view of Yamagishi et al.

Favorable reconsideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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